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SUBJECT: CSCE: NEW ROMANIAN, GDR, AND MALTESE TEXTS ON SOVEREIGN
EQUALITY PRINCIPLE

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SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE TEXTS OF THREE NEW PROPOSALS
ON PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGN EQUALITY RECENTLY TABLED IN CSCE SUB-
COMMITTEE ON PRINCIPLES. ROMANIAN TEXT IS NEW NATIONAL FORMULA-
TION. GDR TEXT PURPORTS TO BE SPUR OF MOMENT COMPROMISE,
ALTHOUGH IT DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ROMANIAN TEXT TABLED EARLIER
THAT DAY AND IS NOT GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. MALTESE TEXT IS REDRAFT
OF LAST SENTENCE OF FRENCH DRAFT ON SOVEREIGN EQUALITY (REFTEL)
AND INTENDED TO BE READ AS PART OF FRENCH PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY

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1. BEGIN ROMANIAN TEXT.

1. ALL PARTICIPATING STATES HAVE AN INVIOABLE RIGHT TO EXIST
FREELY AND INDEPENDENTLY.

2. EVERY PARTICIPATING STATE SHALL ENJOY ON ITS OWN TERRITORY,
IN AN EXCLUSIVE MANNER, THE RIGHTS INHERENT IN ITS FULL SOVEREIGNTY,
AND ALL OTHER STATES ARE UNDER AN OBLIGATION RESPECT THOSE
RIGHTS.

3. EVERY PARTICIPATING STATE SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE AND
FREELY TO DEVELOP ITS POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL
SYSTEM.

4. ALL THE PARTICIPATING STATES SHALL HAVE EQUAL RIGHT AND OBLI-
GATIONS, AND SHALL BE EQUAL MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,

IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR SIZE, GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, OR THEIR POLITICAL,

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEM.

5. ALL THE PARTICIPATING STATES SHALL ACCORDINGLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO
PARTICIPATE ON EQUAL TERMS, AND THE DUTY, TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
SOLUTION OF ALL PROBLEMS PERTAINING TO SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION
IN EUROPE AND OF ALL THE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO THEM.

6. THE PARTICIPATING STATES SHALL FOSTER INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION
AND RELATIONS AMONG THEMSELVES ON THE BASIS OF EQUAL RIGHTS.

7. EVERY PARTICIPATING STATE SHALL BE UNDER AN OBLIGATION TO RES-
PECT THE INDIVIDUALITY OF THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES AND THE
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL COMPONENTS OF THAT INDIVIDUALITY.

8. EVERY PARTICIPATING STATE SHALL HAVE THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO MAKE
USE OF THE NATURAL AND OTHER RESOURCES WITHIN ITS TERRITORY
IN A MANNER CORRESPONDING TO ITS INTERESTS. END ROMANIAN TEXT.

2. BEGIN GDR TEXT

THE PARTICIPATING STATES RECIPROCALLY RECOGNIZE THEIR SOV-
EREIGN EQUALITY, WHICH IS BASED ON THE SUPREME AUTHORITY OF
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EACH OF THEM WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ITS TERRITORY. SOVEREIGN
EQUALITY COVERS, IN PARTICULAR, THE RIGHT OF EACH STATE TO JURIDI-
CAL EQUALITY, THE INVIOABILITY OF ITS TERRITORY AND POLITICAL
INDEPENDENCE, AND THE FREEDOM TO DETERMINE AND DEVELOP ITS POLITIC-
CAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL SYSTEM. EACH STATE SHALL,
WITH REGARD TO EACH OF THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES, RESPECT
ALL THE RIGHTS INHERENT IN SOVEREIGNTY, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO
SHAPE ITS RELATIONS WITH OTHER STATES AS THEY SEE FIT, WITH A

VIEW TO LIVING IN PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER AS GOOD NEIGHBOURS.
END GDR TEXT.

3. BEGIN MALTESE TEXT.

THEY WILL RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF EACH OF THEM FREELY TO
DETERMINE ITS POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SYSTEM
AND TO DEFINE AS ITS WISHES ITS RELATIONS WITH OTHER STATES AND
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF EACH STATE
TO BELONG OR NOT TO BELONG TO AN ALLIANCE. END MALTESE TEXT.BASSIN

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